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LB 686, 787

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the purpose of this amendment is to prevent the issuance of new licenses to sell alcoholic beverages at the same location where motor vehicle fuels are sold. It is not in the interest of the health, safety and welfare of the public, particularly the traveling public, to make liquor or beer readily available to travelers at locations where they might otherwise stop for gasoline only. In other words, if alcohol is too easily available while traveling it makes the temptation to drink and drive easier to follow through on. The hundred and fifty foot standard that is in there is the proximity that has been chosen as a matter of precedence. It is used for churches, schools, hospitals and homes for the aged, indigent or veterans. It has been acceptable since 1935. It is a standard that can easily be enforced by the Liquor Commission. It is not vague. I urge your adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Beyer, would you yield to a question? Senator Beyer, would this in any way affect resort areas that have a license to sell alcoholic beverages and yet pump gas for boats and for vehicles? Would it impact on them at all?

SENATOR BEYER: This would be grandfathered in so those that have got it would not be affected but it is on new applications.

SENATOR WIITALA: Okay, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CLARK: Any further discussion on the Beyer amendment? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Have you all voted, one more time? Record the vote.

CLERK: 18 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion failed. The time has expired on this bill. We will now go to the next bill, 787.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 787 was a bill introduced by the Judiciary Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 12th of this year, referred to